IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

THURSDAY, THE 16TH NOVEMBER 2006 / 25TH KARTHIKA 1928

WP(C).No. 30271 of 2006(D)

PETITIONER:

A.R.THANKAMANI, AMBALAMOOLA HOUSE,
AMBALAMOOLA POST, GUDALUR TALUK,
THE NILGIRIS, TAMILNADU.

BY ADV. SRI.RAFFEEKH.K

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE FOREST RANGE OFFICER,
MUTHANGA, WAYANAD.

2. THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
MUTHANGA, WAYANAD.

BY ADV. SMT.SUSHEELA R.BHAT, SPL.G.P. FOR FORESTS.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 16/11/2006, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR, J.

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W.P.(C)NO.30271 OF 2006

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Dated this the 16th day of November 2006

JUDGMENT

Writ petition is for a direction to the 2nd respondent to release the vehicle seized for forest offences. Since confiscation proceedings are pending, there will be a direction to the second respondent to release the vehicle on bank guarantee for the value of the vehicle. If vehicle is ultimately confiscated, there will be a direction to the respondents to treat confiscation notional and allow petitioner to retain the vehicle after recovering value by encashing the bank guarantee. If petitioner does not want to release the vehicle, there will be a direction to the respondents to complete the adjudication proceedings within a period of six weeks from the date of production of a copy of this judgment.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR, JUDGE

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